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DISCUSSION.

MR. BENN ON NIETZSCHE: AN EXPLANATION.

My attention has been drawn to the fact that in my article on the "Nietzsche Revival" in the July number of this JOURNAL, the reference on page 427 to Mr. A. W. Benn is inaccurate, and I have reason to think that it has been misunderstood. I did not intend to suggest that Mr. Benn is a disciple or an apologist of Nietzsche. His published work on the subject is sufficient evidence to the contrary, and I regret to find by reference to my article that in speaking of several writers together I did not sufficiently distinguish their respective attitudes. This was doubtless due to the fact that my allusions to Mr. Benn were inserted after the article was practically finished. His own very pointed and discerning criticisms on the incoherences of Nietzschean ethics are to my mind inconsistent with Mr. Benn's high estimate of Nietzsche's originality, and my references to him were designed to emphasize this point. I am sorry, however, that a certain looseness of expression on my part should have represented in the character of an adherent one so well aware of the defects of the Nietzschean school as Mr. Benn has shown himself to be.

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In reference to Mr. Stewart's very satisfactory disavowal of any intention on his part to class me among the adherents of Nietzsche, I wish to add that I am not less opposed to the whole doctrine of the Superman than Mr. Stewart can be, the object of my article having been to refute that doctrine out of its author's own mouth. At the same time I can see no incompatibility between this position and my estimate of Nietzsche as "a truly ethical genius." Even in political controversy one may credit the leader of the opposite party with a genuine devotion to the good of the country while absolutely condemning the means by which he is endeavoring to bring it about.

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